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Re.

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/904,541; Filed: July 16, 2001

For: Method, System and Computer Program Product for Efficiently

Utilizing Limited Resources in a Graphics Device

Inventors:

Nash et al.

Our Ref:

2198.0090001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Form;
- 2. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
- 3. Credit Card Payment Form; and
- 4. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Fees possuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). Complete if Known Application Number 09/904,541 RANSMI Filing Date July 16, 2001 For FY 2005 First Named Inventor Reuel W. Nash **Examiner Name** Singh, Dalip K. X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 **Art Unit** 2676 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) \$75.00 2198.0090001 Attorney Docket No. METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Check X Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify): X Deposit Account Deposit Account Number:_ 19-0036 Deposit Account Name: Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C. For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) Credit any overpayments under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **FILING FEES** SEARCH FEES **EXAMINATION FEES** Small Entity **Small Entity** Small Entity Fees Paid (\$) **Application Type** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Utility 300 150 500 200 100 250 Design 200 100 100 130 65 50 Plant 200 100 300 150 160 80 500 Reissue 300 600 150 250 300 Provisional 200 100 0 0 0 0 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES **Small Entity** Fee (\$) **Fee Description** Fee (\$) 50 25 Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent 200 100 180 Multiple dependent claims Multiple Dependent Claims **Total Claims Extra Claims** Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) _ - 20 or HP **26** = ____**3**__ Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) \$75 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20 Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) 4 __-3 or HP 4 = __0 x HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof **Extra Sheets** Fee (\$) Total Sheets Fee Paid (\$) ____ (round up to a whole number) x - 100 = / 50 = 4. OTHER FEE(S) Fees Paid (\$) Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) Other:

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 13), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

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this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.